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SUBJECT: REPORTS FROM OIL COMPANIES ON CURRENT OPERATIONS

1. UNDERSTAND THAT LARG (NOC) RAPIDLY INCREASING ITS LIFTINGS OF ITS 51 PER CENT OF THE CRUDE OF THE NATIONALIZED MAJORS. NOC LIFTINGS AT RAS LANUF (AMOSEAS AND MOBIL) ARE THE HIGHEST, RUNNING ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF TOTAL. CORRESPONDING FIGURE FOR BREGA IS 25 PER CENT AND RISING RAPIDLY. DESTINATIONS FROM BREGA INCLUDE ITALY, GREECE, ROMANIA AND EGYPT. OCT 13-15 THREE TANKERS LOADED BREGA WERE HEADED FOR ALEXANDRIA. (COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST INDICATION TO US HOW QADHAFI IMPLEMENTING HIS PUBLIC PLEDGE TO PROVIDE OIL FOR THE ARAB WAR EFFORT.)

2. OIL COMPANY MANAGERS DISTRAUGHT BY CHAOTIC LOADING CONDITIONS. IN ONE TYPICAL MORNING, FOR INSTANCE, COMPANY MAY RECEIVE A LIST OF NOC-DESIGNATED TANKERS SCHEDULED FOR LOADING, THEN A CANCELLATION THAT LIST, THEN ISSUANCE OF A REVISED LIST. MOST DISRUPTIVE IS OCCASIONAL APPEARANCE AT TERMINAL OF AN NOC-DESIGNATED TANKER WITH NO PRIOR NOTICE AT ALL. NORMAL COMPANY PLANNING AND LOADING OPERATIONS IMPOSSIBLE.

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3. LARG DECLARATION RE GULF OF SIRTE (TRIPOLI 1302)
HAS LED TO AT LEAST TWO SHIP'S CAPTAINS FAILURE TO ENTER.
COMPANIES UNABLE LOCATE WHICH AUTHORITY IS REQUIRING
EXACTLY WHAT PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW FOR OBTAINING
PRIOR PERMISSION REQUIRED.

4. LARG SECURITY MEASURES AT DESERT SITES IN GENERAL
ARE EXTREMELY TIGHT AND ONEROUS; BOTH FIELDS AND
TERMINALS REQUIRE SPECIAL PERMISSION TO ENTER; IN ADDITION
SOME COMPANY TRUCKS BEING REQUISITIONED FOR POSSIBLE
DISPATCH TO EGYPT.
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